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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Pope, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/840,623 :
Filed: April 22, 2001 :
Docket No.: 6069.1 P :

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed September 18, 2007.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the Office action mailed February 10, 2003. Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 26, 2006.

Petitioners assert that a response to the Office action was timely submitted on March 3, 2003 and have provided as proof of mailing and proof of USPTO receipt a return postcard dated March 3, 2003 acknowledging receipt of the reply. Further, the response bears a certificate of mailing date of February 26, 2003 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.8. Petitioners have established non-receipt of the Notice of Abandonment due to the Office's failure to enter the requested change of correspondence address.

The original response filed March 3, 2003 has not been located in the application file. However, the evidence presented is most persuasive that a reply Office action was in fact timely submitted.

In view of the evidence thereof, the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is hereby GRANTED.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby VACATED and the holding of abandonment is WITHDRAWN.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center 3600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 09/18/2007.

The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 09/18/2007.

- The Power of Attorney to you in this application has been revoked by the assignee who has intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record(37 CFR 1.33).

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